GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE MADE BY DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT IN ASHRAM EXPRESS
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether officers of the Directorate of Enforcement and various departments of the Ministry of Finance had seized on July, 11, 2001 crores of rupees in cash and also Gold, Silver, Gems and Jewellery worth lakhs ofrupees being carried illeglly in Ashram Express at Ahmedabad Railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the persons found involved in this activity;

(d) the number of persons apprehended and the action taken against them; and

(e) the concrete measures taken or likely to be taken to check recurrence of such illegal act?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c) The officers of the Directorate of Enforcementhad seized Indian currency, gold biscuits, silver bars, diamonds and jewellery worth Rs. 3.35 crores from a luggage van of Ashram Express at Ahmedabad Railway Station. Theluggage van was on lease from Northern Railway to M/s Gurjar & Partners, Ahmedabad.

(d) None , as there is no provision for arrest under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

(f) To check the recurrence of such illegal acts, action as per law is taken by the Directorate of Enforcement on receipt of specific information.